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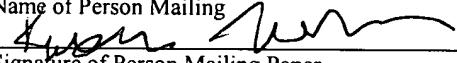
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply to Office Action mailed April 8, 2003;
2. Appendix A;
3. Petition for Extension of Time;
4. Check in the amount of \$475.00 for the requisite fee; and
5. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1490. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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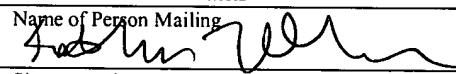
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.